

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tucker D. Maurer	)	Examiner: Lois L. Zheng
	)	Art Unit 1742
Application No.: 10/665,597	)	
	)	Conf. No. 6362
Filed: September 19, 2003	)	
	)	
METHODS FOR PASSIVATING	)	
STAINLESS STEEL	)	October 13, 2006

**RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following in response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006. This response is being filed within the three-month period for response (to and including October 13, 2006) so no fees are believed to be due for this response; however, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extension of time that may be necessary and to deduct any associated fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.